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To: . Mrs. T. C. Heatwole Date: July 31, 1962

From: . R. B. Seligman

Subject: . Selective Nicotine Extraction

We have reached a point in developing the process for selective removal of nicotine from tobacco where it is desirable to request an engineering estimate from a vendor. Before contacting this firm I want to be sure that any patentable features of this improved process are fully protected, even though we plan to write a contract with the vendor to protect our interests.

Please contact John Staley and Allen Clarke so that you can determine whether patent applications can be filed. Your investigation should include the process itself, the equipment used in the process, and the resultant product.

As we will delay contact with the vendor until you have completed your investigation, we would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

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